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(54) Alkyl phenol-formaldehyde condensates as fuel and lubricating oil additives.

(57) Additives for improving the low temperature flow properties of hydrocarbon oils are disclosed, which comprise the condensation reaction product of alkylated phenol and aldehyde, wherein:

(a) the polymer composition has a number average molecular weight of at least 3,000 and a molecular weight distribution of at least 1.5;

(b) in the alkylated phenol reactant the alkyl groups (i) are essentially linear, (ii) have between 6 and 50 carbon atoms, and (iii) have an average number of carbon atoms between 12 and 26, and

(c) not more than 10 mole % of the alkyl groups on the alkylated phenol have less than 12 carbon atoms and not more than 10 mole % of the alkyl groups on the alkylated phenol have more than 26 carbon atoms. The additives may also be sulphurised or produced in a branched backbone form in which monomer reactants are copolymerised with certain tri- or tetrafunctional comonomers. Blends of these additives with various hydrocarbon oils, and particularly various middle distillates and lubricating oil compositions, whose low temperature flow properties are significantly improved thereby, are also disclosed.

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